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Councilmember Atkins Encourages Public To Donate Items To Troops Serving In Iraq

SAN DIEGO-- District Three residents looking for a way to help show their support for members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Iraq can donate everyday items that will be shipped overseas to those in combat.

Third District Councilmember Toni Atkins, in support of a donation drive spearheaded by the Marine Corps Community Services and radio station Planet 103.7, is asking community members to drop off items from a donation wish list at the North Park Community Service Center, 3956 30th Street, between now and April 6th.

Donations of the following are appreciated:

- Toiletries (sunscreen, lip balm, sanitizing wipes, anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, foot powder, bars of soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, Q-tips, tissue, toilet paper, disposable razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products)
- Food items that are sealed by the manufacturer (cookies, granola bars, beef jerky, trail mix, health bars, hard candy, etc.)
- Paper products and writing implements (stationery, envelopes, pens, markers, greeting cards that troops can send to their loved ones back home)
- Travel games or decks of cards
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Phone cards

- Magazines
- Small sporting equipment (Nerf footballs, Hacky-sacks, etc.)
- Socks (size 9-11 and larger)

"Having had a father, two brothers and a sister who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, I understand first-hand how war affects not just the families of service members, but the whole community. This is one small way that we can show our support for our service members," said Councilmember Atkins. "I know that we all hope for their quick and safe return."

The North Park Community Service Center is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-1:00pm and 2:30-5:00pm and Friday from 1:00-5:00pm.

For more information, call 619/236-6633.

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